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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN BANANA WORKERS HOLD SECOND MEETING

1. ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE SEPTEMBER 3
ISSUE OF THE MORNING DAILY, LA REPUBLICA, FIFTEEN DELEGATES
REPRESENTING BANANA WORKERS IN COLUMBIA, ECUADOR, GUATEMALA,
HONDURAS, COSTA RICA AND PANAMA WILL MEET IN SAN JOSE ON
SEPTEMBER 5, 6 AND 7. THIS WILL BE A FOLLOW-UP TO THE
FIRST SUCH MEETING WHICH WAS HELD IN PANAMA ON APRIL 28,
29 AND 30 OF THIS YEAR.

2. ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF
THE MEETING WILL BE TO CREATE A LATIN AMERICAN FEDERATION
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OF BANANA WORKERS. THE FEDERATION IS ENVISIONED AS A

PRESSURE GROUP WHICH WOULD ASSIST THE GOVERNMENTS OF
THE BANANA PRODUCING COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO GET
THE BANANA COMPANIES TO PAY THE BANANA EXPORT TAX.

3. COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT ODUBER, MINISTER OF LABOR
MORALES AND MINISTER OF ECONOMY, INDUSTRY, AND COMMERCE
SANCHEZ ARE SAID TO HAVE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO
ATTEND THE OPENING SESSION OF THE MEETING.
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